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SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES  
CASE NO. 8  
DATE 1-17-07  
BILL NO. SB 200

Testimony on SB 200  
Senate Natural Resource Committee  
January 10, 2007

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I'm here today representing Montana Audubon in support of SB 200.

We support removal of the Mike Horse Dam. Much work has been dedicated to the conservation of the rural character and clean environment that the Blackfoot River supports. The Blackfoot system has significant wetland and riparian resources, along with exceptional biodiversity. It also protects the river's prized fishery and maintains the habitat for grizzlies, lynx, moose and nearly 236 bird and waterfowl species. Research shows that the dam is failing—and that its failure would send heavy metals down the river—which would be devastating for this ecosystem.

#### Chapters:

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Bitterroot Valley

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